

service with PAT SCHROEDER and CARDISS COLLINS are long and fond. I wish them each good health and good fortune as they leave us and move on to new challenges. I know they will continue to spread the faith. May triumph and victory be with them on the path that lies ahead.

### CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF CARDISS COLLINS

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 1996*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend and highly distinguished colleague, Congresswoman CARDISS COLLINS of Illinois' Seventh Congressional District. As the longest serving African-American female in Congress, she has been a true inspiration and mentor to those who have followed in her footsteps. Her legacy, including her tenure as chair of the Subcommittees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Competitiveness and Government Activities and Transportation, as well as the Congressional Black Caucus, are part of a permanent record that will ensure the importance of her 23 years in the House of Representatives.

Public service has become an important part of CARDISS' life. She honorably stepped in to fill her late husband's, the Honorable George W. Collins, seat when asked and has served faithfully since. Congresswoman COLLINS has truly represented her district throughout the years. Her skillful leadership during her 11 terms will be missed by many.

I would like to take this opportunity to remember some of the important achievements attributed to Representative COLLINS. She has consistently devoted her energy to improving health care for women and minorities. CARDISS spent several years during this decade promoting the research of breast cancer. She sponsored legislation that expanded Medicare coverage for mammography screenings and Medicaid coverage for Pap smears to detect cervical and uterine cancers. COLLINS has also continuously authored a resolution that designates October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Her concern for women extends beyond health care. She pressured colleges to follow the requirements of title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 when she chaired the Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Competitiveness. The result has been a dramatic increase in the participation of women in sports, as evidenced by the number of American women participants this year in the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta.

CARDISS has been especially concerned about the fate of our country's children. She is responsible for increasing the funding and research into minority health issues and establishing the National Institutes of Health's Office on Minority Health. Representative COLLINS was the force behind the Child Abuse Prevention Act, which resulted in the training of teachers in child abuse prevention. Additionally, CARDISS increased child safety by enacting legislation that requires warning labels on toys with small parts and standards for bicycle helmets.

CARDISS has also focused her energy on increasing diversity in advertising. The lack of a presence of African-Americans sparked her to introduce several bills to strike more of a balance throughout this medium. She worked tirelessly to ensure that privately owned firms and the Federal Government did not discriminate against minority owned agencies.

The Congressional Black Caucus is the strong organization it is today, due, in part, to the leadership Representative COLLINS showed when she chaired the Caucus. She also chaired the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation for two terms, beginning in 1994. She was an important member to both bodies, and they miss her contributions.

I will miss CARDISS' intelligence and insight which she has shared throughout the years we spent in Congress. I know she will spend many fulfilling years with her son and granddaughter. I am honored to have served with her and I wish her continued success and happiness.

### CONGRESSWOMAN CARDISS COLLINS HONORED

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 1996*

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my colleague and neighbor, Congresswoman CARDISS COLLINS, who will be leaving the house after 24 years of very distinguished service.

CARDISS COLLINS has been an exemplary Member and a true Democrat. She has fought long and hard to improve health care for women and minorities and to improve diversity in advertising.

Thanks to her work making sure female college athletes are treated fairly in our Nation's colleges and universities, CARDISS was inducted into the Women and Girls' Sports Hall of Fame.

And that is just one of her many awards, distinctions, and honorary degrees.

I had the great pleasure of working with CARDISS on an issue that we both believe is very important—the issue of cigarette-caused fires and how to stop them. CARDISS and I worked together for years to promote fire-safe cigarettes and considering the powerful companies we've been up against, I believe we have made great strides.

CARDISS has also been ahead of her times in terms of fighting for airline safety. It is tragic that it took this year's airline accidents to bring other people around to her point of view.

At a time when it cannot have been easy to be an African-American woman in Congress, CARDISS has made tremendous strides on behalf of women and minorities.

I hope very much that her tenure as longest serving African-American woman in the Congress, will serve as an inspiration to young people, particularly people of color, as they consider their careers. She is indeed a wonderful role model for all young people.

The seventh Congressional District of Illinois is lucky to have had her as its representative and we are lucky to have had her as our colleague.

### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE PAT SCHROEDER ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. G.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 1996*

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Congresswoman SCHROEDER farewell. She will be retiring at the end of this session, but she will not soon be forgotten in Washington.

For the last 16 years, I have had the good fortune to sit next to Pat on the National Security Committee. She has worked hard during her time in Congress, and not only in this committee. She gives everything 100 percent of her time and attention.

During the time that I have known her, I have had the opportunity to meet her wonderful family. I know them well and have enjoyed our association. I wish them all good luck in the future.

### HONORING PAT SCHROEDER

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 1996*

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a truly great Member of Congress, my classmate PAT SCHROEDER.

PAT and I joined the House of Representatives together in 1973, and ever since that time I have watched her impressive accomplishments with great respect.

I only regret that I never got to see her chair the Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property because I know if she ever did she'd do a wonderful job.

During her 24 years in Congress PAT has been an outspoken and extremely effective advocate for children, women, and families.

She never lost her sense of joy and honor in serving in the most respected legislative body in the world, and it infected everyone around her. Even people who disagreed with her politically recognized her profound dedication to this country.

PAT has been a true Colorado pioneer—she is the longest serving woman in the U.S. House, and a former candidate for Vice President of the United States. She has set a great example and been a great inspiration for young women throughout the United States for many many years.

Despite her impressive tenure, PAT leaves here as spunky and optimistic as when we first started, but she will certainly be leaving this place a quieter, a bit less feisty, and bit less family friendly.

I am honored to have served with her and I will miss her very much.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE PATRICIA SCHROEDER

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 1996*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to our distinguished colleague, PATRICIA SCHROEDER. PAT is retiring at the end of